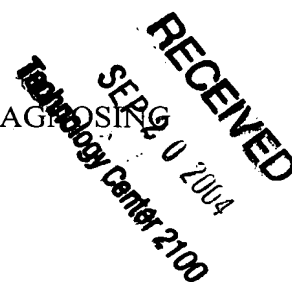
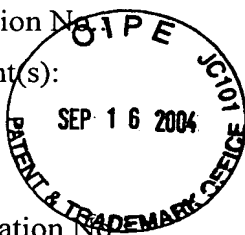


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Application No. 09/711,049  
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ELECTRONIC DEVICE  
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**AMENDMENT**

The following is an Amendment, which is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination.

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2004, which provides for a response period ending June 18, 2004.

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, dated March 18, 2004, for three additional months to September 18, 2004, is being filed concurrently.

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: